

Mr. Rosen

1/31/57

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SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Full field investigation conducted concerning [redacted] in 1954 at request of State Department based on [redacted] association with Judith Coplon. Associates considered [redacted] loyal. Civil Service Commission by letter 2/8/55 advised [redacted] retained.

Additional investigation conducted at request of State based on new information coming to attention of State re [redacted] recent activity. During course of this investigation, [redacted] furnished following info and requested his name not be revealed since information strictly hearsay. [redacted] said [redacted] suspended in 1955 for about three months by State as result of loyalty hearing. A high placed CIA representative, whose name [redacted] states he does not have authority to reveal, told [redacted] when [redacted] suspended, [redacted] requested affidavits from about 70 CIA people. [redacted] sent list to Frank Wisner, Deputy Director for Covert Operations, CIA. Wisner ordered men listed to submit affidavits indicating MacKnight's good loyalty and character. CIA representative told [redacted] any man who would not submit favorable affidavits would have been fired within 24 hours. Same source stated Wisner close friend of [redacted] and Arthur Sulzberger of "New York Times" close friend of [redacted] and Wisner. [redacted] stated he knew affidavits obtained from CIA since he had seen some when interviewed by State representative about [redacted] At that time State representative told Corso some 70 affidavits submitted from individuals in CIA. It was indicated to [redacted]

[redacted] known to Bureau and previously furnished information to Bureau. Wisner is Deputy Director of Plans at CIA. Atomic Energy Act - applicant investigation of Wisner by Bureau (116-142295) in 1949 favorable.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

RE: [REDACTED]

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During current investigation WFO advised numerous depositions submitted in behalf of [REDACTED] by individuals in State, U. S. Information Agency (USIA) and CIA, who were on Operations Coordinating Board (OCB) or familiar with OCB activities, supporting [REDACTED] position before OCB (with respect to expose of communist propaganda concerning use of germ warfare by U. S. forces in Korea) that he had merely presented official State Department policy to OCB. State records reflect [REDACTED] action on OCB not considered in charges against employee by reason of "high policy decision."

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Associates, including those at CIA, considered employee loyal. State in possession of pertinent info concerning [REDACTED] including info concerning his service and activities on the OCB.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended Bureau Liaison representatives call allegations furnished by [REDACTED] to effect Wisner ordered individuals at CIA to submit affidavits indicating [REDACTED] good loyalty and character to appropriate officials at CIA and State. They should be advised Bureau contemplates no action concerning this but is passing it on for their information. It should be noted [REDACTED] specifically requested his identity not be revealed as the source of this info.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont *Belmont*      Tic: Nichols  
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FROM : Mr. Roach *Roach*      Belmont  
Branigan  
Papich  
Broden  
SUBJECT: BYRON SCOTT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: October 5, 1956

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Scott is a former Congressman who has been practicing law in Washington, D. C. He reportedly served as Legal Counsel for William Henry Taylor when the latter appealed his dismissal from Government employment on loyalty grounds. Scott has been representing [redacted] former CIA employee who was dismissed by that Agency as a security risk. [redacted] has been endeavoring to obtain reinstatement for Government employment. CIA is greatly concerned about the [redacted] case particularly, because the Agency realizes that Scott undoubtedly will do everything to embarrass CIA.

On October 5, 1956, Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA, furnished the following information to Liaison Agent Papich. Edwards advised that he has received highly confidential information reflecting that on February 3, 1956, Scott addressed a letter to his brother Olin B. Scott, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In his letter, Scott commented regarding the successful results achieved in litigation in which he represented William Henry Taylor in the effort to restore Taylor to U. S. Government employment after his dismissal on loyalty grounds. According to Edwards, the same letter contained the following information: "I am trying to get the two Silver Masters, Lud Ullman and Frank Coe to tell their stories in news and in magazine articles to get action out of Government committees. This will discredit Bentley and Hoover, and the criticism of Hoover will be tremendous." *Classified by SP4/ELW*

Edwards advised that he was furnishing the foregoing on a strictly confidential basis and emphasized that he had obtained his information from a most sensitive source who can not be made available to the Bureau at this time. The Liaison agent is confident that Edwards, through some unknown channel, possibly outside of CIA, made arrangements to make a surreptitious entry of Scott's residence. In this connection, the Liaison agent noted that Scott was absent from Washington for approximately two months.

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Memo from Roach to Belmont

(U) Edwards advised that in connection with Scott's interest in the case of [redacted] the subject has been endeavoring to obtain information from Frank Wisner, a deputy director of CIA. During World War II, Wisner served in Rumania for the Office of Strategic Services. [redacted] was assigned there during the same period and for the same agency. Scott apparently feels that Wisner could be used to volunteer information which might support [redacted] case. Wisner has avoided any direct contacts with Scott and has referred the subject to his attorney, Gene Carusi. Edwards advised that according to Carusi, Scott has threatened to "get Wisner." Wisner has gone on record with CIA that he personally knew little or nothing about [redacted]. However, there have been allegations made concerning Wisner's personal conduct while he was in Rumania and it is possible that Scott is exploiting this angle. Wisner allegedly had an affair with a Rumanian girl, who is reported to have been both a German and Russian spy. Carusi has advised that Scott has been doing considerable travelling in connection with the [redacted] case, and he recently made a trip to Mexico. CIA is speculating that Scott may have gone to Mexico to interview [redacted] concerning whom we have derogatory information and who was an associate of [redacted]. CIA has also received information indicating that Scott seems to have access to funds which he is utilizing in behalf of [redacted]. CIA is again speculating that some group or organization may be furnishing the money. ] (S) (C) Classified per CIA letter dtd 10-27-88

(U) Edwards advised that Byron Scott's wife serves as a secretary to Congressman James Roosevelt of California. (S) (C) Classified per CIA letter dtd 10-27-88

ACTION:

This matter is being analyzed by the Espionage Section for the purpose of determining whether or not the Bureau should initiate any investigative action.

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